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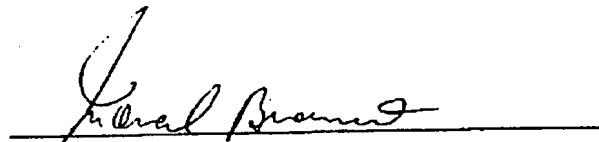
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15 RECORD OF INTERVIEW REQUIREMENTS

Madam:

In reply to the Interview Summary dated October 5th, 2007 and due for response before November 5th, 2007, please enter the following requirements:

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1. Mr Raymond Perron, Applicant, accompanied by Mr Paul Biron had a personal interview with Mrs Elizabeth M. Cole, Examiner, at her office at USPTO in Alexandria VA on October 2nd, 2007. They showed the Examiner a DVD showing the tests carried out, and they also presented samples of the mushroom hooks used in the instant invention, and also samples of the felt material used in the claimed invention.
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 2. The claim discussed was claim 7 with the sight of the results of the tests carried out. Claim 7 once amended is becoming new claim 1.
 3. The specific prior art discussed were Hanes US Patent Application
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 - Publication 2002/0182369 which discloses a plurality of hooks bounded to

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a base, and Manor et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,807,161 who recognizes mushroom shaped hooks.

4. The examiner suggested that Applicants might want to file the results of the tests shown on the DVD in the form of a declaration, which 5 was faxed on October 4th, 2007 and acknowledged by an Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission received at 4:40:41PM on 10/04/2007.

5. The tests carried out were in order to show how using the claimed mushroom shaped hooks, in combination with a hardened latex core, provided a much greater degree of resistance to shear forces as compared 10 to the J-shaped hooks. The tests were replicate of a typical usage of Felt pads under a chair in a domestic environment, of Felt pads compressed against Velcro pads. The results of the tests made possible comparing on the one hand the shear resistance of the tested pads combined with J-shaped hook Velcro pads and on the other hand, the shear resistance of 15 tested pads combined with mushroom shaped hook Velcro pads that are impregnated with a hardened latex core.

6. The examiner recognizes that the mushroom shaped hooks do provide a substantially greater shear resistance as compared to the J-shaped hooks, and suggested that Applicants may want to consider further 20 defining the structure of the felt layer in order to distinguish our structure from the structure of the felt layer on the prior art (Hanes). Indeed our felt layer is one impregnated with a hardened latex core, namely, reinforced material (48), which is at the root of the mushroom 25 hooks pads. And there is no evidence of such pad preparation in Hanes nor in Manor. Such preparation is what makes our multiplied results and unexpected results. Please refer to the amendment faxed October 4th, 2007 with amended claims 7 and 15.

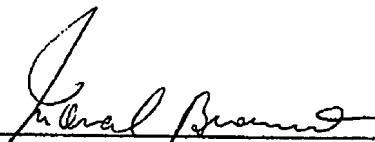
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I hereby declare that no new matter has been added nor any technical information that was not present in my application as originally filed.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are

5 believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application, any patent 10 issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed. Applicant respectfully requests that timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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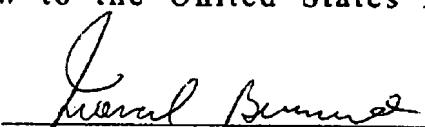
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